

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/269,972
Confirmation Number	1844
Filing Date	April 8, 1999
First Named Inventor	Yukio NAKAJIMA
Group Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Dwin McTaggart Craig
Matter Number	Q53854
Title	TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
previously filed on October 30, 2006.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time with appropriate fee
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the statutory RCE fee of \$790.00 and Extension of Time Fee of \$450.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed
and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No.
19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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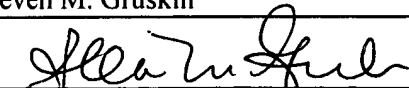
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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name Steven M. Gruskin Registration No. 36,818

Signature  Date January 4, 2007